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1. JAPAN

LDP RETAINS NARROW MAJORITY IN UPPER HOUSE IN CRUCIAL
ELECTORAL TEST FOR FUKUDA GOVT. UNEXPECTEDLY STRONG SHOWING
CAME DESPITE NEWSPAPER POLLS PREDICTING LDP LOSS UPPER
HOUSE MAJORITY (CSM). FUKUDA HAILS NARROW VICTORY AS VOTE
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FOR POL STABILITY. OF 126 SEATS AT STAKE, LDP WON 63, WAS
SURE OF BACKING OF AT LEAST 2 INDEPENDENTS. ASAHI SHIMBUN
SAYS ELECTORATE MORE CONCERNED W/ECON PROBLEMS; LOCKHEED
SCANDAL FADED AS MAJOR POL ISSUE. OFFICIAL SOURCES SAY LDP'S
STRONG PERFORMANCE WOULD HELP GOVT IN SETTLING OUTSTANDING
INTL PROBLEMS (WP). LEFTIST PARTIES SUFFERED REBUFF, W/
SOCIALISTS LOSING 7 SEATS/COMMUNISTS 4 (AP, GLOBE).

CULLISON (JOC) REPORTS FUKUDA COUNTING ON GROUP INDEPENDENTS REJOIN LDP TO PROVIDE SEATS NEEDED FOR MAJORITY. ADDS NO DOUBT UPPER HOUSE ELECTION WOULD STABILIZE POL SITUATION IN JAPAN. THARP (WSJ) NOTES ELECTION RESULTS; QUOTES POL ANALYST THAT POPULATION HAD FEELING OF CRISIS. SAYS ELECTION VIEWED AS LITMUS TEST TO SEE WHETHER VOTERS WOULD TURN TO OPPOSITION PARTY/COALITION FOR POL ANSWERS TO MAJOR ECON/ FOPOLICY QUESTIONS FACING NATION. SEIDEN (SUN) SEES RESULTS APPEARING GUARANTEE CONTINUED CONSERVATIVE, BUSINESS-ORIENTED GOVT. NOTES IN VIEW WIDESPREAD PREDICTIONS OF LDP DISASTER, ELECTION SEEN AS UNEXPECTED CONSERVATIVE VICTORY. QUOTES NEW LIBERAL CLUB FOUNDER THAT JAPANESE ALIENATED FROM POLITICS, BUT STILL BEHOLDEN TO TRADITIONAL POL ORGANIZATIONS.

JAPANESE NAVY TO USE ROLLS-ROYCE GAS TURBINE ENGINES IN DESTROYERS/ESCORT FRIGATES. UNITS TO BE BUILD UNDER LICENSE IN JAPAN (JOC; UPI, NYT).

2. KOREA

HOUSE DEMS FOLEY(WASH)/PRICE (ILL)/UDALL (ARIZ) ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIVING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM TONGSUN PARK (WSJ; AP CHITRIB, PHINQ, SUN; UPI, GLOBE). FOLEY SAYS LATER REJECTED 2 REQUESTS FROM PARK FOR FAVORS. UDALL STATES CAMPAIGN CON-UNCLASSIFIED

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TRIBUTION FROM PARK WAS LEGITIMATE (AP; VOLZ, NYDN). FORMER DOS OFFICIAL TOLD CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS THAT JUNKETING CONGRESSMEN REGULARLY WELCOMED IN SK W/ENVELOPES OF CASH (VOLZ).

HOUSE ETHICS CMTE SPECIAL COUNSEL LACOVARA IN CONFIDENTIAL MEMO TO PANEL MEMBERS CRITICIZES CHMN REP FLYNT (D-GA) FOR HANDLING KOREAN LOBBY INVESTIGATION. MEMO ASSERTS FLYNT FAILED CARRY FORWARD TIMELY INVESTIGATION/URGES EFFORTS OVERCOME SHORTCOMINGS. SOME FEAR DISPUTE WOULD JEOPARDIZE INVESTIGATION. CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES SAY FRICTIONS BUILD-ING UP FOR MANY WKS BETW COUNSEL/CHMN (HALLORAN, NYT - EXCERPTED IN SUN; BABCOCK, WP). SEVERAL CMTE MEMBERS CONCERNED LACOVARA'S CRITICISM MIGHT BE CONSTRUED BY PUBLIC AS SIGN CMTE STALLING/CONGRESS UNABLE INVESTIGATE SELF (BABCOCK).

DOS' HABIB CALLS ON FONMIN PARK TONG-JIN AFTER TALKS W/US OFFICIALS IN SEOUL RE PLANNED W/DRAWAL 33,000 US GROUND TROOPS (WP).

3. CHINA

LEONARD WOODCOCK SWORN IN 7/7 AS CHIEF US ENVOY TO PRC IN DETROIT (AP SUN, WP).

DEFENSE MODERNIZATION/NEED FOR INTENSIFIED WAR PREPARATIONS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH IN ARTICLE IN OFFICIAL PRC ARMED FORCES NEWSPAPER. DECISION MOVE MORE RESOURCES TO DEFENSE ALREADY MADE BY CP/MIL LEADERSHIP AFTER UNUSUALLY OPEN DISCUSSION, THO DEBATE SINCE CONCERNED WHETHER MAIN EFFORT SHOULD BE IMPROVING CONVENTIONAL FORCES/ACQUIRING MORE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONRY. ARTICLE APPEARS INDICATE DEBATE SETTLED IN FAVOR ADVANCED ARMAMENTS (UPI, NYT).
PROV RADIO REPORTS INDICATE POL INFIGHTING AT LANCHOW CRIPPLED DEFENSE CONSTRUCTION FOR MOS AT MAIN SUPPORT
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BASE FOR NUKE WEAPONS/MISSILES (WP; WSJ).

PRC DEFECTOR FAN WILL JOIN TAIWAN AF AS LT COL (UPI, CHI-TRIB; CSM; WP; NYT). US MIL SPOKESMAN DENIED US MIL AUTHORITIES IN TAIWAN HAVE JOINED PERSONNEL IN EXAMINING FAN'S MIG-19 (WP).

4. INDOCHINA

SENATE CONFIRMS NOOTER AS DEP DIR AID DESPITE CHARGE BY SEN KENNEDY (D-MASS) THAT HE FAILED RESPOND TO PLIGHT VIET/CAMBODIAN REFUGEES/ORPHANS (UPI, WP).

5. THAILAND/BURMA

RTG POLICE CAPTURE 120 BURMESE REBELS IN RAID ON N THAILAND CAMP (REUTER, NYT).

6. THAILAND/MALAYSIA

JOINT RTG/GOM OPN CONTINUES VS SUSPECTED COMMUNIST CAMPS (UPI, NYT; AP, SUN). MIL SPOKESMEN SAY OBJECTIVE TO DISRUPT "HOME GROUNDS" CPM/STRIKE HARD AT CPM REGIMENT (AP, SUN).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

7. JAPAN

SUN SEES UPPER HOUSE ELECTIONS AS INDICATION LOCKHEED SCANDAL THREAT TO LDP OVER. BELIEVES UNLIKELY LDP WILL LOSE TO IDEOLOGICAL OPPONENTS IN NEAR FUTURE. CONCLUDES COUNTRY VOTES FOR NORMALCY. OKA (CSM) NOTES PM FUKUDA NOW
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TURNING ATTN TO DOMESTIC ECONOMY/FON PROBLEMS. OPINES FUKUDA WILL PROBABLY TRY FOR EARLY LOWER-HOUSE ELECTIONS TO CAPITALIZE ON REBORN VOTER CONFIDENCE IN LDP, BUT UNLIKELY DO SO UNTIL NEXT SPRING AFTER NEW BUDGET PASSED/ ECON RECOVERY HOPEFULLY UNDER WAY.

MALCOLM (NYT) LOOKS OVER ELECTION RESULTS. THINKS UNUSUALLY CLOSE RESULTS APPEAR BRING JAPAN CLOSER TO UNCERTAIN NEW OF POL COALITION/TRUER MULTIPARTY POLITICS. SEES RESULTS IMPORTANT AS MEASURE VOTER DIS-SATISFACTION/GRADUAL CHANGES IN ELECTORATE/APPREHENSION CHANGE CAUSES MANY TRADITION-MINDED JAPANESE. POINTS OUT SOME CONSERVATIVES INTERPRET FAILURE SHOW ELECTORAL GAINS AFTER DECADE STEADY LOSSES AS VICTORY.

SCHOEDEL/GAMSIN (JOC) REVIEW CARTER DECISION VS ALASKA OIL TRADEOFF W/JAPAN FOR ME OIL. CALL IT VICTORY FOR ADVOCATES US-FLAG SHIPMENT.

SEIDEN (SUN) DISCUSSES NEW JAPANESE GADGET, CALLED "EAR-PECKER" THAT ONE POKES IN ONE'S EAR TO REDUCE APPETITE. CALLS IT "QUESTIONABLE DEVICE."

8. KOREA

SOUTHERLAND/STUART (CSM) SAY CONGRESSIONAL PROBE SK INFLUENCE BUYING DRAGGING ON SO SLOWLY THAT MAY PRODUCE NO MAJOR FINDINGS THIS YR. POINT OUT ETHICS CMTE HAS HELD FEWEST MTGS OF ANY HOUSE CMTE. NOTE MOUNTING CONCERN BY JUNIOR HOUSE MEMBERS. QUOTE NYT THAT AT LEAST 115 CONGRESSMEN ACCEPTED KOREANS' GIFTS.

9. CHINA

WSTAR (7/11) SAYS SOUNDING MORE AND MORE LIKE US ABANDON-ING TAIWAN. CALLS SITUATION FULL OF IRONIES. STATES
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TAKING TAIWAN WOULD BE IMPRESSIVE SHOW OF STRENGTH FOR PRC. OPINES USSR WOULD NOT LIKE SEE THIS,MAY DIVERT ARMS TO TAIWAN DEFENSES TO FORESTALL PRC ADVANCEMENT. THINKS SUCH POSSIBILITY MAY MAKE HUA GOVT RELUCTANT INVADE TAIWAN; ADDS LIKELY INVASION WOULD INVOLVE CONSIDERABLE BLOODSHED. CALLS POSSIBILITY NEGOTIATED REUNIFICATION "REMOTE." OPINES MAIN INDUCEMENT FOR INVASION MAY BE US

WILLINGNESS GIVE IN TO ANYTHING PEKING ASKS TO GET FULL
DIPLO RELS; ATTRIBUTES PRC BELLIGERENCE TO US ATTITUDE.
SAYS HARD TO THINK OF ANYTHING WE WILL GAIN BY ABANDONING
TAIWAN THAT WE COULDN'T HAVE W/O DISAVOWING LONG FRIEND-
SHIP. CONCLUDES HONOR/SELF-INTEREST REQUIRE US USE
BARGAINING STRENGTH TO ASSERT TAIWAN'S RIGHT TO EXIST OUT-
SIDE PEKING'S CONTROL, OR AT LEAST MAKE ITS OWN TERMS FOR
REUNIFICATION.

10. PHILIPPINES

VILLADOLID (NYT) NOTES HEAVY TRAFFIC IN PX GOODS, UNTAXED
BY GOP. SAYS SOME FILS SEE SPOILING EFFECT IN PRESENCE
LUXURY ITEMS/AFFLUENCE US BASE SURROUNDED BY PROVERTY.

11. INDOCHINA

EVERINGHAM (WP 7/10) DESCRIBES ARREST IN LAOS/IMPRISONMENT/
TREATMENT/ACCUSATIONS PRIOR TO HIS EXPULSION. TELLS OF
CHANGES IN COUNTRY NOW RULED BY FEAR/DISILLUSION OF MANY
WHO WELCOMED PL/GROWING INSURGENCY IN SOME AREAS/SHATTERED
ECONOMY. ADDS HELP FROM SRV TROOPS ONLY ALIENATES
MORE LAOTIANS. CONCLUDES LAOS HE LEFT NOT MUCH MORE
SETTLED THAN HE FOUND 10 YRS EARLIER; FIGHTING GOES ON
W/LONG-TERM ODDS FAVORING COMMUNISTS SINCE US WITHDRAWN.

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12. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

ANABLE (CSM 7/11) TELLS OF RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN 22
COUNTRIES, THO 1/3 OF EXODUS STILL NOT PERMANENTLY
SETTLED. NOTES REFUGEES IN THAILAND POSE SENSITIVE
PROBLEM FOR GOVT. DISCUSSES UNHCR PROBLEMS. BUTTERFIELD
(NYT 7/10) NOTES REFUGEES WHO LAND AT HK ARE LUCKY ONES
SINCE STAND GREATER CHANCE ENTRY INTO US DUE CONDITIONAL
ENTRY PROGRAM. REVIEWS CASE 1 REFUGEE FAMILY.

LONDON OBSERVER'S DEELEY (GLOBE 7/11) DESCRIBES ADJUST-
MENT REFUGEES WHO HAVE FOUND HOME IN AUSTRALIA. DARLING
(WP 7/10) TELLS OF TRAUMA THAT STILL REMAINS FOR REFUGEES
IN VA'S FAIRFAX COUNTY.

EARLY (CSM) NOTES DOS PROPOSAL ADMIT 15,000 MORE REFUGEES
STRONG ENDORSEMENT FROM CHURCHES/VOLAGS. POINTS OUT SOME
CONGRESSMEN OPPOSE EXPANSION REFUGEE PROGRAM. DESCRIBES
ACTIONS BY CHURCH/VOLAG GROUPS WHO APPEAL TO PRES TO
ADMIT MORE REFUGEES. VANCE

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